



# THE PARKS REPORT

A Monthly Summary of Birmingham's System of Parks & Recreation Facilities

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*"I just want to go through Central Park and watch folks passing by. Spend the whole day watching people. I miss that."*

—President Barack Obama

## My Park & Recreation Story

"My lasting memories of a Birmingham park center around Fountain Heights Park. The park had a recreation center, pool, tennis courts, softball fields, playground and an array of programs—those summer camps were the best! My grandmother could sit on her porch, right across the street, and watch my sister and I play.

I learned the value of community, fellowship and leadership in that park. I was most intrigued with Mrs. Eddie Mae Johnson, the director of the recreation center, who exemplified strong leadership skills as she dealt with children and adults.

There was never a dull moment at Fountain Heights. I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to frequent that park at that stage of my life."

—Shonae' Eddins-Bennett, Director  
Birmingham Park and Recreation Board



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Shonae' Eddins-Bennett, director, Birmingham Park and Recreation Board, enters the Fountain Heights Recreation Center, a place she visited often as a child.



**July is Park and Recreation Month**



Revenue from reservations in June 2021 totaled \$65,270.25

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## #TheMagicofPlay

Birmingham Park and Recreation venues offer rental space for seminars, weddings, parties, workshops and other activities...

### VENUE:

Botanical Gardens  
Recreation + Sports Facilities  
Open Park Reservations

### JUNE REVENUE:

\$20,765.25  
\$35,625.00  
\$8,880.00

## June Park Maintenance

Baseball Fields at COOPER GREEN, GEORGE WARD and ENSLEY were cut, cleaned and prepared for upcoming scheduled games and tournament play; Football Fields at EAST LAKE, WYLAM and ENSLEY have been prepped for use by area youth programs; 3,961.78 acres of parks cleaned; grass cut in 1,887.32 acres of parks; 1,241 bags of litter removed from parks; 1,523 tons of debris taken to the landfill; crews cleaned and picked up trash in parks before and after every open park reservation; Fence Crew installed new picnic tables at EAST BROWNVILLE PARK, repaired the swing gate at CRESTWOOD PARK, removed broken signs from SHERMAN HEIGHTS PARK, moved furniture at LEGION FIELD STADIUM, repaired fence at BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS; Electrician Crew repaired lighting at AVONDALE PARK, HOWZE-SANFORD PARK, LEGION FIELD STADIUM, BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS and ROEBUCK-HAWKINS PARK; HVAC Crew worked on units at LEGION FIELD STADIUM, MEMORIAL PARK RECREATION CENTER, EAST PINSON VALLEY RECREATION CENTER, FOUNTAIN HEIGHTS RECREATION CENTER, GEORGE WARD PARK TENNIS PRO SHOP, ONE PRATT PARK, HOOPER CITY RECREATION CENTER, WILLOW WOOD RECREATION CENTER, WIGGINS RECREATION CENTER, DOLOMITE COMMUNITY CENTER, BOSWELL-HIGHLAND GOLF COURSE and AVONDALE VILLA; Plumbers Crew worked on various jobs at BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS, HOOPER CITY RECREATION CENTER, EAST PINSON VALLEY RECREATION CENTER, HARRISON RECREATION CENTER, EAST LAKE PARK, GEORGE WARD PARK, CRESTWOOD POOL, MCALPINE POOL, MEMORIAL POOL and EAST LAKE POOL; Carpenters repaired piers at EAST LAKE PARK and repaired locks at MACLIN POOL, AVONDALE PARK, EAST LAKE PARK, MEMORIAL RECREATION CENTER and LEGION FIELD STADIUM; Maintenance Crew pressure washed W.C. PATTON PARK, 4TH AVENUE HISTORY PARK, GEORGE WARD PARK ATHLETIC COMPLEX and BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS; repaired playgrounds at MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. and ROZELLE REYNOLDS PARKS.

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## A Fish Tale

With more than 1,100 anglers having made their way to East Lake Park for the citywide June 5 Family Fishing Rodeo, this annual event that first wet its hook in 1998 remains the largest free community fishing event in the state.

### UPCOMING:

**Sat., July 17**—USMC Sports and Leadership Camp, Legion Field.

**Sat., July 31**—High School Football Combine Camp, Legion Field.

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